1	2
5. Press	one
6. Medical Profession	one
7. Legal Profession	one
8. All other Profession like Engineers/Architects etc.	one
9. Trade, Commerce and Industry	five
10. Public workers and others	forth three

Shortage of Rail Coaches in Trivandrum Division

298. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the acute shortage of rail coaches in Trivandrum Division which cause much difficulties for the passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Adequate number of coaches are available with Trivandrum Division to cater to the present level of traffic requirements.

[Translation]

Stoppage of Express Trains at Khurja Junction

299. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the express trains passing through Khurja junction in Uttar Pradesh have no stoppage at that junction;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide stoppage for these express trains at Khurja junction.

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For lack of traffic justification and operational problems.

(c) There is no proposal at present to stop additional trains at Khurja.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

[English]

Safety of Indian Railways

300. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received a number of representations for improving the safety of Indian Railway from All India Loco Running Staff Association during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railways accord highest priority to safety in train operations. The suggestions made by them are examined and necessary action is taken on their merits.

[Translation]

Dalli-Rajhara-Bailadila Railway Line

301. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Dalli-Rajhara-Bailadila railway line has been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the time by which the work on this line is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The work has been included in the Railway Budget.

(b) After the MOU is signed with Ministry of Steel and M.P. Government and the Ministry of Steel deposit the amount required for construction of Phase-I of this line from Dallirrajhara to Rowghat which is to be funded at their cost.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Telecom Facilities in Tribal Areas

302. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide telecom facilities in the backward regions and particularly in the tribal areas of the country on priority basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/area-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). To provide satisfactory telecommunication services as an input into the process of overall development of tribal areas of the country, the Department has been adopting